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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPT A "VETERANS CONNECT @ THE LIBRARY"  
GRANT AWARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY FOR  
A VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER AT THE LANCASTER LIBRARY  
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

The Public Library is recommending that the Board of Supervisors accept the "Veterans Connect @ the Library" grant award from the California State Library of up to \$10,000 for a Veterans Resource Center at the Lancaster Library.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Accept the "Veterans Connect @ the Library" grant award of up to \$10,000 from the California State Library, funded by Federal Library Services and Technology Act funds, for the Lancaster Library.
2. Authorize and delegate authority to the County Librarian to execute any documents and agreements related to the acceptance and use of the grant funds; to expend the grant funds as necessary for the completion of the grant projects; and to meet the conditions of the grant award.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Public Library to establish a Veterans Resource Center at the Lancaster Library with funding from the California State Library. The resource center will focus on reintegrating California veterans into the California workforce and its communities by

providing library material and references for checkout, access to databases, identifying veteran resources within the community and having referral information available to staff, volunteers, and to veterans and their families (e.g. web resources, bulletin boards, pamphlets, etc.).

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal in the area of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by providing quality public service to the Lancaster Library service area.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The grant award of up to \$10,000 is funded by Federal Library Services and Technology Act funds.

The grant funds will be used to purchase the necessary services and supplies to implement a Veterans Resource Center at the Lancaster Library and fund staff support related to the project. The Public Library's existing Fiscal Year 2014-15 Operating Budget has the appropriation to cover expenditures for this grant. Acceptance of this one-time grant does not commit the County to provide ongoing services.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

County policy requires that grants be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance. A Grant Management statement is not required for this grant because the grant amount is under \$100,000.

This Board letter has been reviewed by County Counsel.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The recommended actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because they do not constitute a project according to Section 15378 of CEQA.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This grant award will enable the Public Library to establish a Veterans Resource Center at the Lancaster Library enhance its services and programs at the Lancaster Library.

### **CONCLUSION**

If there are any questions or there is a need for additional information, please contact Yolanda De Ramus, Chief Deputy, at (562) 940-8412.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Margaret Donnellan Todd". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
Auditor-Controller